

Sterrett Farm
CE-909
Near Rock Springs
Private

C. 1865

The Sterret House and farm buildings are traditional third quarter of the 19th century architectural forms. The farmhouse, barn and wagon shed are types of structures found throughout Cecil County. The farm was not a separate operation until after the publication of the 1858 Martenet Map. It was in existence by 1877 and owned and operated by a J. Sterrett.

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File #891

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sterrett House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northwest of the intersection of Connelly Road and Sterret Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Glen Montgomery

Telephone #: 658-6855

STREET & NUMBER

Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21818

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT

☒GOOD

—FAIR

—DETERIORATED

—RUINS

—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED

☒ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ORIGINAL SITE

—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The sterrett-Montgomery house c. 1858-1877 is a 2½ story I-House located down a long lane off Connelly Road. The main facade faces north with the primary gable running east/west.

The main block is a 2½ story frame ~~I-house~~ 3 bays across by one room deep with an ell addition to the south. Single story shed additions are located on the inside section of the ell and on the south end of the rear section. A single story shed roof porch extends across the main facade. The supportive posts are turned and decorative brackets are located in each corner. The roof of the porch is covered with tin.

The structure rests on an uncoursed fieldstone basement and has been totally covered with aluminum siding. The low pitched roof is covered with composition tile.

The main facade is three bays across with an entrance in the center bay. A new door has been added but the three light transom remains. The trim is plain. 1/1 sash windows flank the main entrance, but 6/6 sashes are found on the second floor.

The gable ends are similar with two sash windows on each floor and two louvered attic ventilators that flank the stretcher bond interior end chimneys. A cellar entrance is located on the east gable end.

The south side is half covered by the 2½ story ell addition that is two bays across by one room deep. Entrance to the rear section is gained through the small shed addition in the corner of the ell. Another door is located in the shed extension off the gable end of the ell. There is a brick stack rising out of the gable end. The window sash is 6/6 with plain trim.

The interior was not open for inspection but not particularly worth investigation.

The outbuildings included a ~~fine~~ set of barn buildings in relatively good shape. A three bay barn sheathed with board and batten siding and a wagon shed are located to the east of the main house. Later 20th century buildings are also found on the property.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This complex is a fairly significant set of mid to late 19th century structures which is not readily found in this area. Usually the barn buildings have been replaced. Although the house has lost some of its 19th century character with the addition of aluminum it still retains its basic I-House form and 19th century decoration.

This complex is yet another example of the late mid 19th century division of property in this area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/31/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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MARYLAND

LANCASTER CO
CECIL CO

Conowingo Quad

Rock Springs

New Valley
Sch

Porters Grove
Ch

Richardsmere

Conowingo (PO) Kilby Corner

Conowingo
Sta

Rowlandsville

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4397

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42'30"

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(RISING SUN)
576311 NE

4393

4392

40'

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PHILADELPHIA, PA. 56 M.



STERRETT HOUSE
CONOWINGO, MD.
NORTH ELEVATION

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STERRETT House

CONOWINGO, MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

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